



Dear Members,



Here we are in the month of Pumpkins, ghosts, ghouls, cobwebs, witches, black cats and bats. Even though this awful pandemic is still upon us the year is still whizzing by. How can that be?

I am still filling my time with making things for the pub and doing puzzles along with making a crocheted giraffe named Geoffrey. I have just started to learn to make some ear-rings for Christmas (it might not be for this year). I have never done beading before so this is new to me, I am learning a new skill of brick stitch and increasing and shaping. I must say thank heavens for YouTube and lots of patience, which is definitely a virtue, ha ha!

Thanks to you all for sending in your photos of things that you are doing in lock down. they are interesting and maybe we could do a special for the Christmas 'letter'. Helen and Jill and Ann have sent contributions for this news letter.



Geoffrey the Giraffe.

Club Matters

I have had notifications that all the Dolls House fairs for the next couple of months have been cancelled. Has anyone found any interesting web sites with online shops. I am looking for lighting at the moment for the pub. I might make them but I am looking for findings for shades etc. Any ideas?

Sarah Brander has contacted the club and has some items that she would like to pass on to the club as she is moving home and having a sort out. She has some room boxes and furniture and stuff so she will let me have it and I will let you know what there is. She hopes to come back to club next year and join us again. That will be lovely to have her with us again.

Ann suggested that we should work on the Box file project and get it ready for maybe next September as with a lot of luck we could all be together again at club to celebrate another year. This will give us something to work for.

Well stay safe as we head into the next lockdown and happy miniaturizing.



Beverley

Putting in the last piece





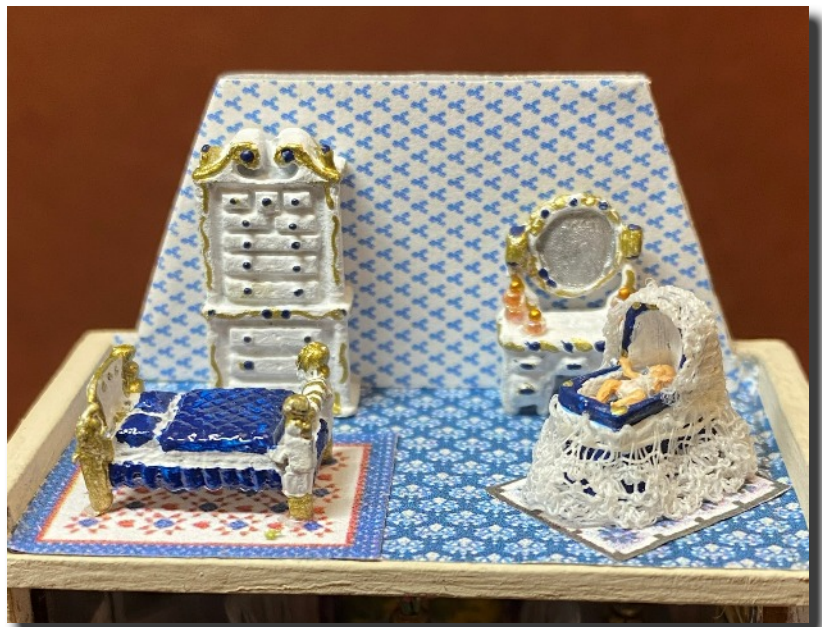
Ann sent some pictures of her 1/144th scale house. Remember just how tiny this is when you look at the photos!

"It's a Petite Properties La Maison De Ville. Lights inside I made with findings and sequins. Some of the furniture pieces are the metal ones from Tee Pee crafts, not very good if you enlarge the pictures. You have to undercoat and paint them. Curtains are just pictures reduced and then painted over to match lights.

The kitchen was a kit which you had to make up and then paint. Figures were from railway show. They are white plastic and I painted them. I made the scenery with scenic grass and bits of anything that I had to hand.

It's on a base which I made as I had got a glass dome with no base. "





Petite Properties La Maison De Ville
with interior by Ann.





Helen writes:

"I have not done anything on my dolls house. I really do need to complete the roof. I need to set myself a deadline and it might then get done!

The crafting I am doing at the moment is 'Teddy on the Beach' I am making a little happy scene inside a wooden box which had mini port bottles in last Christmas! I really like handling the foam pieces and enjoy cutting the shapes. I thought my new little grandson might like to look at this when completed.

I visited Beryl and Bill the other day to exchange jigsaws, socially distanced on the door step, of course! They both seemed well and were looking forward to having a go at the 1,000 Curious Kittens Dolls House jigsaw. In return, I am doing a 1,000 piece of a scene similar to Fradley Junction which they passed on to me. Photo to follow next month. This month I have completed a 636 piece jigsaw, photo attached, which was very pleasant to complete.

Hope to see you soon.

Best wishes Helen x

Jill writes: "Work on beach house is progressing. I've tacky waxed the contents and marked up a piece of wood for David to cut up to make groynes. But there are a lot of crossings out so need to do it again on another side.

Love Jill x"

Dates for your diary 2020

MGM Dolls House Fairs - Stafford and Leeds Dolls House Shows Cancelled

For more information and the latest developments, please see their website at www.mgmfairs.co.uk



Next Meeting: Cancelled until further notice.